FISCAL NOTE

HB 564 - SB 1636

March 23, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases the application fee for process servers from \$100 to \$200 and imposes a \$60 renewal fee for process servers. Shifts the power to revoke the authority of process servers from the court clerk to the sheriff. Requires sheriffs to institute a program to determine whether process servers are faithfully performing their duties. Provides a Class C misdemeanor for any process server willfully and knowingly executing a false return of service.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Revenues – Exceeds \$10,000 Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Local governments will experience an increase in revenues estimated to exceed \$10,000 statewide due to increases in the application fee and renewal fee for process servers.
- Local governments will be able to institute the process server compliance program utilizing existing resources.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for local governments to experience any significant increase in revenues or expenses.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director